

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 520**

**Introduced by Assembly Member Cedillo**

February 18, 1999

An act to add Section 14132.88 to the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to health.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 520, as introduced, Cedillo. Medi-Cal: diabetes treatment.

Existing law provides for the Medi-Cal program, which is administered by the State Department of Health Services, pursuant to which medical benefits are provided to public assistance recipients and certain other low-income persons.

This bill would specify that diabetic self-management education programs, and medication supplies related to the daily or periodic care of diabetes, subject to utilization controls, are a covered benefit under the Medi-Cal program.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 14132.88 is added to the Welfare
- 2 and Institutions Code, to read:
- 3 14132.88. (a) Diabetic self-management education
- 4 programs, and medication supplies related to the daily or
- 5 periodic care of diabetes, subject to utilization controls,
- 6 are a covered benefit under this chapter.



1 (b) The following definitions shall govern the  
2 construction of this section:

3 (1) “Diabetes” means both diabetes Type I and  
4 diabetes Type II.

5 (2) “Diabetic self-management education program”  
6 means instruction that will enable diabetic patients and  
7 their families to gain an understanding of the diabetic  
8 disease process, and the daily management of diabetic  
9 therapy thereby avoiding frequent hospitalizations and  
10 complications.

11 (3) “Medications and supplies related to the daily or  
12 periodic care of diabetes” includes, but is not limited to  
13 glucose monitors, test strips, and syringes. That term also  
14 includes meters related to the daily or periodic care of  
15 diabetes.

